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SUBJECT: CSSR FOREIGN MINISTER ON LOW-KEY VISIT

1. CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK PAID A LOW-KEY VISIT TO SOUTHERN POLAND FOR TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI MARCH 10-12. THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE MODERATE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT STRESSED BOTH COUNTRIES' DETERMINATION TO BROADEN BILATERAL COOPERATION AND PLAYED UP THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THEIR LEADERS. THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY WITHIN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND THE ROLE OF BOTH CEMA AND THE WARSAW PACT IN ASSURING THE CONDITIONS FOR PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MEMBERS WERE REAFFIRMED.

2. BOTH SIDES ENDORSED THE WORK OF THE 25TH CPSU CONGRESS, PARTICULARLY ITS CONTINUATION AND ENRICHMENT OF THE PEACE PROGRAM OF THE 24TH CONGRESS, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE. THEY CITED THE "GREAT CONTRIBUTION" OF GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THEY PLEDGED THEIR OWN CONTINUED EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE SEVERAL SOCIALIST CAMP "INITIATIVES" AIMED AT SUPPLEMENTING POLITICAL
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WITH MILITARY DETENTE. REGARDING CSCE IMPLEMENTATION,

THEY SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL OF CONVENING "ALL-EUROPEAN" CONGRESSES ON COOPERATION IN ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CEMA PROPOSAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EC.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 13-14 ISSUE OF TRYBUNA LUDU DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION EITHER PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM OR CHINA. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI IN A STATEMENT DURING THE TALKS ON FRIDAY IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONDEMNED THE "GREAT-POWER, EXPANSIONISTIC COURSE" OF THE CHINESE LEADERS, WHICH HE SAID REMAINS A SERIOUS THREAT TO PEACE AND SOCIALISM.

4. COMMENT: CHNOUPEK'S VISIT MIGHT HAVE SOME SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN POLAND AND A SOCIALIST NEIGHBOR SINCE THE SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS. IT WAS BILLED AS A "WORKING VISIT" AND RECEIVED SURPRISINGLY LITTLE PRESS BUILD-UP. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE INCLINED TO VIEW IT AS MERELY A ROUTINE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, POSSIBLY DESIGNED TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF A NEIGHBORLY ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE EVE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS.

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